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**To: Owners of Pre-Check (PC) drawings and specifications,
DSA Staff and Interested Parties**

**From: Division of the State Architect
Department of General Services
State of California**

SUBJECT: EXPIRATION OF PRE-CHECK (PC) PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

2001 PC PLANS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1, 2008

The new 2007 California Building Standards Codes (CBSC) were published and made available to the public on July 1, 2007. The *effective date* was January 1, 2008.

Part 2 of the CBSC, the 2007 California Building Code (CBC), is based on the adopted 2006 International Building Code (IBC) while the 2001 CBC is based on the 1997 Uniform Building Code (UBC). The 2006 IBC represents a major shift from the 1997 UBC in the design requirements. There are also major changes in the detailing, inspection, and testing requirements. Fire Life Safety (FLS) and Access Compliance (AC) requirements have also undergone many changes or additions. These changes and additions in the structural, FLS and AC requirements necessitate a review of all currently approved PCs to ensure compliance with the 2007 CBSC.

All PC drawings and specifications approved for compliance with the 2001 CBSC, Title 24, California Code of Regulations, expire on the effective date of the 2007 CBSC (January 1, 2008), unless they meet the criteria which allows for a twelve month extension, as noted below.

With the exception of PC drawings and specifications as described in this Bulletin, all other drawings and specifications (for example: site drawings associated with the placement of the PC structure on the school site) included with project applications submitted to DSA on or after the effective date of the 2007 CBSC must comply with the requirements of the 2007 CBC and the 2005 California Energy Code.

TWELVE-MONTH EXTENSION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008

Any PC that was approved under the 2001 CBC may be used until December 31, 2008.

Exceptions:

- Any full campus PC
- The accessible features of the toilet facility and/or ramp portion(s) of any 2001 PC will be required to comply with the 2007 CBC when submitted to DSA for project specific use.

Minor changes to the 2001 PC drawings are allowed during the extension period. However, significant changes to the 2001 PC, such as those that would result in changes to the calculations, will not be allowed.

All drawings and specifications for the non-PC portion of a project submitted after January 1, 2008 must comply with the 2007 CBSC and the 2005 California Energy Code, even if submitted with 2001 PC plans.

APPLICATION FOR 2007 PC APPROVAL

In order to assure that a 2001 PC has been updated for review and approval as a 2007 PC prior to January 1, 2009, the PC holder should have submitted a complete application package to DSA prior to January 1, 2008. A new application number will be assigned to the 2007 PC.

The re-approval application package must be submitted to the DSA Regional Office that has jurisdiction for the county in which the buildings will be manufactured. Questions regarding the expiration of PC drawings and specifications or the submittal process should also be directed to the local DSA Regional Office.

See PR 07-01 (http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/pubs/PR07-01_rev05-07-08.pdf) for the requirements for PC approval. Note that PC's with an excess number of options should be broken into two or more smaller PC's in accordance with PR 07-01.

2008 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE

It is anticipated that the 2008 California Energy Code (CEC) will be adopted during 2008 and become effective in July, 2009.

- All PCs and all projects utilizing PC drawings submitted after the effective date must meet the requirements of the 2008 CEC.
- All 2007 PC's based on the 2005 CEC will need to be renewed and updated to conform to the 2008 CEC before being used on any site specific project submitted after the effective date of the 2008 CEC.

However, upon adoption of the 2008 CEC, DSA will accept and review 2007 PCs that are voluntarily designed in conformance with the requirements of the 2008 CEC.

INCREMENTAL PROJECTS

Incremental submittals may include a 2001 PC until December 31, 2008.

CODE REFERENCES REQUIRED ON PC COVER SHEET

The following list of building codes and standards must be included on the cover sheet of any PC project drawings submitted for approval under 2007 CBSC (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).

TITLE 24 CODES:

- 2007 California Administrative Code (CAC)** (Part 1, Title 24, CCR)
- 2007 California Building Code (CBC), Volumes 1, and 2** (Part 2, Title 24, CCR)
(2006 Edition International Building Code with 2007 California amendments)
- 2007 California Electrical Code** (Part 3, Title 24, CCR)
(2005 Edition National Electrical Code with 2007 California amendments)
- 2007 California Mechanical Code (CMC)** (Part 4, Title 24, CCR)
(2006 Edition IAPMO Uniform Mechanical Code with 2007 California amendments)
- 2007 California Plumbing Code (CPC)** (Part 5, Title 24, CCR)
(2006 Edition IAPMO Uniform Plumbing Code with 2007 California amendments)
- 2007 California Energy Code** (Part 6, Title 24, CCR)
(2005 Edition California Energy Commission Building Energy Efficiency Standards)
- 2007 California Fire Code (CFC)** (Part 9, Title 24, CCR)
(2006 Edition of International Fire Code with 2007 California Amendments)
- 2007 California Referenced Standards Code** (Part 12, Title 24, CCR)

REFERENCE CODE SECTIONS FOR APPLICABLE STANDARDS

- 2007 CBC, Chapter 35**
- 2007 CFC, Chapter 45**